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'We looked death in the eye'

Soldiers share battlefield stories

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole
Public Affairs

Sometimes, you don't need to veer far from the beaten path to need a Wingman.

For two Soldiers fighting in Iraq, it was a matter of driving just a few feet when they experienced the true meaning of a Battle Buddy – or Wingman.

Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans Army Cpl. J.R. Martinez and Spc. B.J. Jackson recently shared their stories with 509ers during a base tour and two speeches at Mission's End.

Specialist Jackson was injured in downtown Baghdad on Aug. 7, 2003, while he and his fellow Iowa National Guard Soldiers were enjoying their first day off in nearly a month. Specialist Jackson was driving a vehicle with two other Soldiers when the vehicle struck a land mine. The group was then immediately hit by a rocket-propelled grenade.

More than four hours passed as the Soldiers fought off the insurgent attack and worked to get Specialist Jackson out of the vehicle and to safety.

"All I did was move the vehicle six feet when an explosion stopped us. One-and-a-half months later, I woke up in San Antonio," the Des Moines, Iowa, native said.

The military policeman's legs were crushed by the dashboard. He was the only member of his group who was seriously injured. While the other Soldiers fought off the attackers, a Soldier who suffered a broken leg tried to get Specialist Jackson out of the vehicle.

This first Wingman — or battle buddy as the Army calls them — wasn't strong enough to pull the 170-pound Soldier from the wreckage. Fortunately, another group of Soldiers was passing by. A captain and another member of the Iowa group helped get Specialist Jackson out of the vehicle.

Specialist Jackson, who arrived at Brooke Army Medical Center Aug. 12 to begin rehabilitation from severe burns and the loss of both legs below the knees, said he's thankful for the two wingmen.

"A battle buddy will be there for you in good or bad times," the 23-year-old medically retired Soldier said. "It's a bond. It's a family. There were 124 people in my Iowa unit. We had 14 to 15 fist fights some days, but they were riding together at night, taking care of each other.

Corporal Martinez was injured on April 5, 2003, while escorting a convoy near Karbala in southern Iraq. He was driving a humvee when the incident occurred.

"It was hot that morning. I was looking forward to the end of the day" to escape the heat, Corporal Martinez said. The convoy was stopped shy of the city because there was a possibility of danger and there

were people in the group who weren't trained in combat.

"We were told to find a new route around the city. I went from the rear of the convoy to the front because I had the most powerful humvee and could provide better protection for the convoy," Corporal Martinez said.

The Soldier said he drove 75 or 100 meters when the front left tire struck a land mine.

"Everyone was ejected but me. I was trapped. Everything was on fire. I was conscious through it. I was burned on 40 percent of my body — head, face, arms, back and hands. I was in the Humvee for 15 or 20 minutes, and I was thinking, 'I'm going to die. There's no way I can survive this. I can't die.' I was screaming and yelling.

"It was loud. But then, my dead sister came to me and it was quiet. She told me I can't die because my mom needed me,"

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— Army Cpl. J.R. Martinez



Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Master Sgt. Matthew Cady, 509th Security Forces Squadron first sergeant, talks with Army Spc. B.J. Jackson. Specialist Jackson lost both of his legs during a deployment to Iraq.

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ACC selects new commander

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) — Ronald Keys was confirmed by the Senate on May 26 for promotion to the rank of general and assignment here as the commander of Air Combat Command.

Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff and a former ACC commander, pinned on ACC's newest commander's four-star rank after the Senate's confirmation. General Keys assumed his commander duties immediately.

"Being selected to command ACC is a tremendous honor, and I thank General Jumper for the opportunity to lead this great command," General Keys said. "I'm looking forward to



Keys

working with the men and women of ACC and our Guard and Reserve members who serve side by side with us. It's an honor to be their commander, and I cannot wait to get started."

Besides his role as ACC's commander, General Keys will also serve as the air component commander for U.S. Joint Forces Command and U.S. Northern Command.

Before his assignment as the commander of the Air Force's largest major command, General Keys served as the deputy chief of staff for air and space operations at U.S. Air Force headquarters in Washington. He is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, including more than 300 hours of combat time in Southeast Asia. He has commanded at numerous levels Air Force-wide.

ACC is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and maintaining combat-ready forces for worldwide use and homeland defense.

509th SVS flight earns Air Force-level accolades

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Public Affairs

The 509th Services Squadron Family Member Programs Flight recently earned top marks from Air Force-level child development specialists and beat Air Force averages across the board.

The family child care office earned 100 percent in its administrative area of 83 inspection items, FCC standard home and development home inspections. These areas surpassed the Air Force average of 94.7 percent. This is the second year in a row the FCC earned a perfect score. Inspectors looked at fire, safety, public health and multi-disciplinary programs.

The two in-home child care givers who were inspected were Laura Morris and Stacey Wolfe.

Alice Aubele, the FCC coordinator, has worked in her job for five years. She attributes the back-to-back perfect scores to a variety of things.

"It takes a lot of attention to detail, hard work and good rapport with the family child care providers, and the parents who have children in their care," Mrs. Aubele said.

The youth center received a 95.3 percent on its school-age program, topping the Air Force's average of 91.1 percent. The inspectors looked at 150 items ranging from physical environment, fire protection, staffing, nutrition and food service, administration, funding and evaluation, child abuse protection, parent involvement and staff-parent interaction, safety, health and human relationships.

For the first time this year, youth programs were inspected in addition to the school-age program. Inspectors looked at the program climate and youth development for teens, pre-teens and the sports program. No score for these areas were given since this was the first year they were inspected.

The child development center earned a 91.8 percent. The Air Force average is 86.2 percent. Inspectors reviewed 110 items on physical environment, fire protection procedures, curriculum, staffing, staff qualifications and development, nutrition and food service administration, funding and evaluation, child abuse protection, parent involve-

ment and staff-parent interaction, safety and health.

"These are the standards that dictate procedures ensuring the health and well being of the children in our care," said Capt. Michael Taylor, acting 509th SVS commander. "By law, these inspections take place unannounced and we are always ready."

Debbie Kermick, director of youth programs, said it's important to have top-notch programs.

"The safety, well-being and development of youth can never receive enough attention from communities," Mrs. Kermick said. "Our inspection scores are reflective of a dedicated, trained staff of professionals who put children first and provide programs to help children acquire life skills, learn new things and grow into a healthy adulthood."

CDC director Judy Van Boening said it's important to have first-rate care to help ensure base members meet the mission.

"The quality of child care provided on Whiteman reflects our commitment to support the mission by ensuring Air Force personnel can perform their duties without worrying about the safety of their children. They can be assured their children are taken care of in a positive, nurturing environment from well-trained early childhood professionals," Mrs. Van Boening said.

Tech. Sgt. Debbie Brinzow, 509th Maintenance Squadron, has used each of the programs and said she's thankful for the dedication of the caregivers.

"They deserve high marks. They work hard on keeping up with the children's activities and keeping them occupied. And, they work with parents, from potty training to a child's stage of behavior that needs to be corrected," Sergeant Brinzow said.

Captain Taylor summed it up by saying how important the family member programs flight is to the mission.

"How efficient would the wing function if while at work you had to wonder how well your children were being cared for?"

Personnel can give the wing 100 percent knowing caregivers of the highest caliber are taking care of their family. At the end of the day, we return children happy and healthy back to their parents and look forward to tomorrow to do it again," he said.

Online record updates now required

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — After decades of Airmen updating emergency contact information in their personnel records, everyone is now required to update the information online rather than visiting their military personnel flights.

Effective immediately, personnel flight officials are no longer required to print and file a paper copy of the Virtual Record of Emergency Data form in each Airman's personnel records, officials said. The paperless form provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an Airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies while on active duty.

The vRED, which replaced Department of Defense Form 93, Record of

Emergency Data, is required to be kept updated by each Airman. Now the only way to update an Airman's emergency data is by visiting the virtual MPF online.

Airmen who don't have access to a vMPF account, such as new accessions or basic trainees, must still complete a DD Form 93 until they establish an online account, said Maj. Yancey Cowen, chief of the casualty services branch at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

"The biggest advantage is convenience for the customer," he said. "Airmen won't have to stand in line at the MPF to make simple changes to their contact information."

Airmen are required to keep their vREDs current at all times and review their contact data at least annually,

Major Cowen said. Also, every Airman must review his or her vRED during inprocessing and before all deployments.

"Accurate and current family contact information can prevent delays in notifications and perhaps benefits for Airmen and family members," Major Cowen said.

Personnel officials encourage all active-duty Airmen, guardsmen and reservists to update their information every six months.

Civil service employees are also encouraged to update their virtual Emergency Data System contact information as needed for the same reasons.

For more information, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/> to log into vMPF or to establish an account.

News in brief

VBS transportation available

The chapel's Vacation Bible School takes place Monday-June 10 from 1:30-4:30 pm. Buses will pick up children throughout the base from 1-1:20 p.m. at these points:

- ✓ McConnell Lane playground between Carswell and McConnell Lane
- ✓ Bus stop at Langley Drive and McConnell Lane (south end)
- ✓ Basketball field playground on Langley Drive (both sides)
- ✓ Bus stop at corner of March Drive and Westover Road
- ✓ Bus stop at corner of March Drive and Schilling Drive
- ✓ Bus stop at corner of Carswell Lane and March Drive
- ✓ First circle drive on Titan Loop near one-way sign
- ✓ Bus stop at corner of Houx Drive and Mace Circle
- ✓ Bus stop at corner of Mace Circle and Summit Drive
- ✓ Bus stop at corner of Skybolt Circle and Summit Drive

- ✓ Playground on Summit Drive
- ✓ Corner of Symington Avenue and Burge Drive
- ✓ Corner of Symington Avenue and Scott Drive
- ✓ Corner of Symington Avenue and Libby Manor/Blake Ridge
- ✓ Corner of Symington Avenue and Chapman Court
- ✓ Corner of Symington Avenue and Law Manor

Entrance of Skelton Park Parking Lot
Children under the age of six must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at each bus stop on base.

If an adult is not present, for drop off, then children will be taken back to chapel for pickup. For more details, call Larry Smith at 687-3652.

MUNS conducts inventory

The munitions storage area staff will conduct an inventory June 13-30. Only valid emergency issue requests will be processed during the inventory. For more details, call 687-4465.



Photo by Lt. Col. Lindsey Borg

Today, I walk alone

Senior Master Sgt. Dan Sherwood, 509th Mission Support Squadron, spent part of the recent Air Combat Command Family Day circling the base lake to raise nearly \$200 for cancer research. Sergeant Sherwood began his one-man walk-a-thon at sunrise and walked nearly 27 miles. He said raising the funds was secondary to honoring his late father who passed away from cancer in 2003. "I wanted to feel like I made a physical sacrifice for the cause," he said.

AIRMEN UNDERCOVER:

Air Force OSI helps protect behind the scenes

By Carolyn Knothe

Special to the Whiteman Spirit

There is a small group of Air Force members who don't wear uniforms to work. At first glance, they don't appear to carry a rank or their status as military members seems hidden.

But they are an integral part of the U.S. Air Force. Their daily operations can range from briefing base commanders to taking part in undercover drug busts. Day in and day out these individuals acquire and evaluate intelligence regarding possible terrorist activities or conduct a six-hour interview to uncover information about a crime.

Who are these undercover specialists? They are the men and women of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

"Our job is protecting people and resources, whether they are Air Force or Department of Defense," said Special Agent Mark Ferrero, commander of Detachment 207 here. "We also conduct criminal investigations, fraud investigations, information operations and act as an early-warning detector by gathering intelligence and keeping commanders apprised of current threats."

OSI offices have eight region headquarters aligned with the Air Force major commands, Agent Ferrero said. Det. 207's region headquarters is at Langley Air Force Base, Va., while OSI's headquarters is at Andrews AFB, Md.

Det. 207's area of responsibility is the entire state of Missouri and nine counties in Kansas, an area that encompasses 54,000 square miles. OSI agents not only focus on Whitemen-specific issues but also on local issues by cooperating with other law enforcement organizations. "We spend a lot of time conducting liaison with local law enforcement and federal agencies, and work with them running joint investigations."

Special Agent Ferrero said. "We also have a great relationship with the 509th Security Forces Squadron and work with them on a daily basis," he added.

"The more communication we have with each other, the better off we are. Security forces can provide valuable help to OSI investigations." Det. 207 Special Agent Rachel Phillips said. "I enjoy working with them."

While OSI agents are in contact with many other law enforcement agencies, they can't be everywhere all the time. Eagle Eyes, a program developed by the Air Force and OSI, enlists the help of average citizens to report possible terrorist activities.

"We can't have agents everywhere, and that's why we have Eagle Eyes," Special Agent Phillips said. "It increases our ability to protect our base from threats."

The Eagle Eyes program encourages everyone to report suspicious activities by calling the OSI office. "It's raising awareness as to what to look for as far as terrorist activities," Special Agent Phillips added.

While much of their mission is devoted to combating terrorism, most of OSI's work does not involve the types of actions seen in



Graphic by Tech. Sgt. Mat Nisotis

the movies or on TV.

"That's atypical," Special Agent Ferrero said. "We're required to stay qualified on certain weapons, but the things you see on TV are not day-to-day work in OSI."

"We have to spend a lot of time in the office doing paperwork," Agent Phillips said. "But we also get out of the office, get to talk to people and see what the Air Force is doing and all the good things that are going on, with people working hard."

Special Agent Don Krahn agreed.

"I heard once that for every hour you spend doing an activity, it generates three hours of paper-

work," he said. "In some cases it's true. Everything you do is documented. OSI paperwork is geared to make sure legal issues are in order, because that's the bottom line."

Agents must take extensive training before they have to worry about paperwork. After being accepted into the field by undergoing tests and performance report reviews,

potential agents first report to a 12-week course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga., then to a 10-week course at the AFOSI Academy.

"The first course was a basic criminal investigative course," Agent Phillips said. "We had about 60 hours of firearms training, 100 hours of arrest techniques, a lot of classroom time and were trained how to use defense tactics. At the AFOSI Academy, we were given a mock case with a fake crime scene and had to analyze, collect evidence, and do interviews. It was very challenging."

Anyone in the Air Force, senior airman or above, can be an OSI agent and previous law enforcement experience is not necessary. Special Agent Ferrero spent the first 10 years of his Air Force career in security forces, while Special Agent Krahn worked in civil engineering.

"Growing up, several of my family members were in law enforcement, and I wanted to do it, too," he said. "I found out about OSI when I received a briefing from an

agent before I deployed. When I came back, I talked to those folks."

Even though OSI is made up of Air Force members, agents differ from other airmen in one important way: they don't wear a uniform or rank.

"Rank isn't hidden, it's masked," Special Agent Krahn said. "It makes our job easier to not have to deal with the rank issue. And even when we wear a uniform, we don't have rank on it. So we just salute everybody."

"We still have to be within weight standards and professional appearances," Special Agent Phillips said. "For example, it's OK if I wore earrings, but at the same time I have to portray a professional image."

The agents do enjoy their uniform policy, but they all agree that it's not their favorite part of the job.

"I enjoy getting out to talk to people," Special Agent Phillips said. "It's rewarding to see how people view this base and the Air Force."

"The opportunity is there to spend a lot of time out of the office, interacting with people on the base and the local community," Special Agent Krahn said. "And bringing down the bad guys is always good too."

"The more communication we have with each other, the better off we are."

— Special Agent Rachel Phillips
Det. 207, Office of Special Investigations

If you have any information concerning a crime and wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stop at 687-4636.



Help keep 'em flying

Report illegal drug activity to Detachment 207, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, by calling 687-1852 or the 509th Security Forces Squadron Law Enforcement desk at 687-3700 after duty hours.

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509th BW names quarterly winners

(Editor's note: A change in a unit's nominations resulted in a 509th Bomb Wing rescore of the second quarter award packages. This rescore resulted in Tech. Sgt. Michael Donaldson, 509th Comptroller Squadron, becoming the NCO of the Quarter.)

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Michael Donaldson, 509th Comptroller Squadron, is the 509th Bomb Wing NCO of the Quarter for April-June. The announcement was made Wednesday at the monthly wing promotion and recognition ceremony.

Sergeant Donaldson led a major Secretary of the Air Force financial transformation initiative by merging the 509th CPTS budget and liaison offices. He successfully designed, trained and implemented the first Air Combat Command merger team. The practices were benchmarked for Air Force execution.

The sergeant created the 509th's fiscal 2006 financial budget plan, incorporating an \$8 million funding cut. During the process, he uncovered \$23 million in unfunded needs, which led to a \$26 million-plus budget submission to ACC ahead of the suspense.

Sergeant Donaldson also renovated the wing reimbursement program, where he identified and returned \$32,000 in reparation funds to the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron's vehicle maintenance flight.

When deployments depleted two critical group resource advisers, Sergeant Donaldson identified and trained new members within 30 days, 60 days ahead of the normal 90-day cycle. The advisers are now capable of managing and advising their respective group commanders on a \$609,000 budget.

The sergeant graduated as the top financial manager at the in-residence Comptroller Advanced Agent Training Class. He accomplished the Antideficiency Act Investigating Officer's Course, gaining three professional education credits, and he completed certification for the Comptroller Contingency Familiarization Training Course, which prepared him for deployment.

His base and community involvement includes collecting and sending clothing and supplies to schools in Djibouti North Africa, raising more than \$300 for the 509th CPTS booster club, and being the captain and member of the squadron's bowling and volleyball teams.

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By Lt. Col. Timothy Dennison

509th Maintenance Operations Squadron Commander

It seems my time to write an article comes up at the beginning of motorcycle season.

Perhaps purely coincidence or is it a conspiracy? I'm thinking that wing safety and public affairs have ganged up on me knowing full well that I will write about the joys of motorcycle riding and the responsibility of this great activity.

In my last editorial I introduced the four commandments of riding: personal abilities and limits, bike's capabilities, road conditions and obeying the rules. These four commandments are still the pillars of safe riding. If you weaken any one of these pillars, you stand the chance of getting hurt. Completely ignoring them can get you killed. If Cleveland Browns tight end Kellen Winslow would have followed these commandments, perhaps he would be playing for the Browns this season.

The Four Commandments

✓ **Know Thy Self.** It's critical that we're mentally and physically ready to ride. You must be sure you're properly rested, fueled and watered. Take frequent breaks and have a snack and drink, especially if it's a long day. This will help increase your alertness and decrease fatigue.

To master riding, you must be a good student. It's not only the Air Force who thinks training is good advice; just talk to people close to Mr. Winslow. The Browns tight end purchased a highpower motorcycle and according to a news article, he was advised to take training lessons, but didn't.

Figuring his learners permit was all that he needed, he took his bike for a spin. Unfortunately, he hit a curb doing 35 mph in a parking lot and has now jeopardized his NFL career.

If you're a new rider, you must attend sanctioned training before you can ride on or off base, the exception being a 72-hour temp registration to allow you to ride to the training session. Your first sergeant and commander can tell you more about this. Remember ... take the course!

For those who have taken the course and have been riding

1st Sergeant's View



Photo by Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez

First Lt. Megan Schafer, Staff Sgt. Antwain Wright and Master Sgt. Scott Wagers show off different combinations of the new physical training uniform while jogging at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, during the wear-test phase. The new uniform will be issued to Airmen serving in Southwest Asia first and phased into the rest of the force over the next three years.

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

By Master Sgt. Shelia Moses

509 Logistics Readiness Squadron First Sergeant

I have a lot of mixed emotions as I write this article to you. I'm leaving my Whiteman family after almost nine years in various squadrons here. I'm off to new adventures at Klein-brogel, Belgium.

I started my assignment here in the customer service section of supply. It seems fitting I now depart as the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron's first sergeant.

But in between, I've had the pleasure to be assigned to Site Activation Task Force, a logistics support squadron, and 509th Operations Support Squadron. I guess it's sort of ironic the only squadron mentioned that still exists is the OSS. Supply is now the 509th LRS, the SATAF was de-activated and LSS became the 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Change is a vital part of our military. We hope the changes made are for the good of everyone. There's a saying though "if you don't like something today hold on because tomorrow it'll be back to the way it was, coming full circle."

I'd say this can be true in all aspects of life. Look at fashion for example. Who'd think that bell bottoms would come back! But, as you see changes made throughout your squadrons or throughout the Air Force, support these changes whole heartedly and give constructive feedback to your superiors when needed.

You'll be seeing new uniforms coming online along with new physical training gear. We've all joked around about the uniforms, but when it comes down to it these uniforms will be our distinction.

We should be proud to wear them and have honor to know everyone who sees us in these uniforms will know we are in the best military department in the world ... the U.S. Air Force! There are plenty of us that would like to go full circle back to the old greens, but sorry I don't see that happening.

Remember to keep a positive attitude when you see changes throughout your career. Believe me, I'll be seeing plenty of changes in my life as I head to Europe but I look at it as a positive thing.

With change, you have to give up a lot of things you're comfortable with and learn new, but that's what keeps life interesting and challenging.

Thank you to everyone here who has supported me and helped me in any way. To all my friends, I hope to see you again. If you're ever in the Belgium, area look me up!

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said Corporal Martinez, explaining that he was 5 when his sister died.

Shortly after that, the platoon sergeant pulled the corporal from the Humvee. Inhalation damage caused Corporal Martinez to gasp for air.

“I kept asking ‘What’s wrong with my face? I know there’s something wrong with my face.’ My platoon sergeant said, ‘Don’t worry about it. I love you. I love you.’ He was feeling my pain. I could hear it in his voice,” Corporal Martinez said.

The Dalton, Ga., native said that before the accident, he didn’t like his platoon sergeant.

“He was being so hard on me when I first got to my unit. He saw potential I didn’t see. This person I thought so bad of risked

his life to save mine.”

Corporal Martinez, who wears a hat and long sleeves to protect his skin from the sun, said no matter what scars or adversities you’re faced with, you can overcome them with a Wingman.

“You can’t go through it alone. You’ll always need a hand. Always take care of your people. Yes, rank matters and you must show respect, but take care of each other,” the 22-year-old said. “We (B.J. and I) looked death in the eyes and overcame it. What do you think you can overcome?”

“We’re here to take care of one another, no matter how we get along in our personal life. Don’t say you don’t care what happens to people,” the corporal said.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Master Sgts. Darlene Buss and Matthew Cady talk with Army Cpl. J.R. Martinez at Mission’s End. Corporal Martinez suffered burns on 40 percent of his body after the humvee he was driving struck a land mine in Iraq. Sergeant Cady is the first sergeant of the 509th Security Forces Squadron and Sergeant Buss is the first sergeant of the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

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PRP: CRUCIAL PEOPLE FOR CRITICAL ASSETS



Lt. Col. (Dr.) Edwin Burkett and Tech. Sgt. David Sheets review Personal Reliability Program medical files for accuracy and look for any potential disqualifying information that would hinder someone's ability to maintain PRP status. They are members of the 509th Medical Support Squadron.



Tech. Sgt. Dione Odom, 509th Mission Support Squadron, gives annual Personnel Reliability Program refresher training to PRP certifying officials and unit PRP monitors Wednesday. Air Force Instruction 36-2104, Nuclear weapons personnel reliability program, says, "The purpose of the Personnel Reliability Program is to ensure that each person who performs duties involving nuclear weapons meets the highest possible standards of reliability." Because the B-2 is a multi-role bomber, capable of carrying both conventional and non-conventional weaponry, more than 1200 personnel who work on or support B-2 operations must maintain PRP status.



Personal Reliability Program certifying officials and unit PRP monitors discuss potentially disqualifying information in a meeting Wednesday. PDI is any information regarding, but not limited to, a person's physical, mental, and emotional status and any conduct or character, on or off duty, which may cast doubt on someone's ability or reliability to perform their PRP related duties. Some examples of PDI are the use of drugs, driving under the influence, under age drinking, and taking any medications.



Staff Sgt. Stacie Conrey, 509th Security Forces Squadron PRP monitor, performs a PRP inprocessing interview with Staff Sgt. Amanda Jahake, 509th SFS. The PRP inprocessing interview is the first step new arrivals take to obtain their PRP status on base.



Staff Sgt. Shelina Macarthur, 509th Medical Support Squadron PRP monitor, gives Chief Master Sgt. William Bivins, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, a Personnel Reliability Program badge at the medical clinic. This badge allows medical professionals to identify which patients are PRP so they can ensure those patients receive the proper treatment and documentation required under PRP rules. It is the responsibility of a PRP member to monitor their own reliability and notify their commanding officer of any potentially disqualifying information, side effects while using medication, or any treatment they received while away from their duty station. It's also the responsibility of a PRP member to ensure their reliability by staying physically competent, mentally alert, and technically proficient, and to notify their supervisor when a co-worker's situation may affect reliability.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Education

For more details, visit the education center Web site at <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

Top 3 scholarship available

The Whiteman Top 3 Association will give away three \$300 scholarship grants to Whiteman Air Force Base enlisted members and their families.

Scholarship funds come from a variety of Whiteman Top 3 fundraising activities, such as die cast model sales, POW/MIA bracelet sales and other community events.

Applications for the scholarship grant are available at the base education and training center or from the Whiteman intraweb at <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/top3/Scholarships.shtml>.

The application package consists of the application form, transcripts from previous classes and a single-page essay. Applications are due to the education office by June 30.

The selection board will review the applications, and select winners based on educational goals, scholastic achievement and financial need. For more details, call Senior Master Sgt. Teresa Wolfenden at 687-2389.

CCAF degree program

The Community College of the Air Force degree is an associate of applied science degree just like one earned at any other college. The Air Force is the only branch of service that enrolls enlisted members into an associate of applied science degree in their Air Force specialty code. Technical training, AFSC skill levels, CLEP tests and college courses can be combined to complete the 64 semester hours required for the degree. Enlisted members can find out how many credits they have toward their degree, and

which tests and/or classes they need to complete it, by visiting a base training and education services office counselor 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays. For more details, call 687-5750.

SAT test date set

The education center offers the Scholastic Aptitude Test at 7:30 a.m. June 24. Only active duty and Reserves are eligible for this testing. This will be the final SAT offering until October. For more details or to sign up, e-mail ron.johnson@whiteman.af.mil.

Community

B-2 tours available

Do your family and friends want to see the B-2 up close? They can view the B-2 from 10:45 a.m.-noon June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9 and Oct. 14 in front of base operations. To sign up or for more details, call public affairs at 687-6128.

Thrift shop sale set

The thrift shop's summer blowout sale takes place 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 24-28. People can take 50 percent off all purple tagged items, except uniforms and collectables. Quarter items will be two for one. The thrift shop is closed during July.

ALS graduation announcement

The airman leadership school Class 05-E's graduation begins at 6:00 p.m. June 16 at Mission's End. The social time begins at 5:30 p.m. The speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Terry West, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The

menu will be London broil with bordelaise, rustic mashed potatoes and glazed carrots.

The cost is \$15.95 for members and \$17.95 for non-members. The uniform is mess dress/semi-formal for military, and coat and tie for civilian.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 8 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserves and finance will provide information. The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing. For more details, call 687-1500 or 687-6720.

TAP helps people leaving military

A three-day transition assistance program for people separating or retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Attendees will learn basic resume writing skills, interviewing skills, salary negotiation, and receive information on education and Veterans Administration benefits. Reservations are required.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend. This briefing covers information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind.

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information of the week



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

Airman 1st Class Xuan Mai, 509th Security Forces Squadron, stands watch at his post.

(Editor's note: The 509th Bomb Wing Plans and Programs Office will provide tips and other information to help 509ers prepare for the Nuclear Surety Inspection June 20-24. This week's topic is the personnel reliability program. Read future issues of the Whiteman Spirit for more helpful information.)

The 509th Security Forces Squadron will be inspected as part of the Nuclear Surety Inspection June 20-24.

Various Department of Defense, Air Force and Air Combat Command directions and instructions describe security forces operations. When weapons are transported, delivered, uploaded and downloaded from aircraft, security forces are employing tactics to ensure a secure environment.

The inspection ensures required security standards for protecting weapons are met as prescribed in new guidance in DoD S-5210.41M, Department of Defense Nuclear Weapon Security Manual.

The security force portion of the inspection is a performance-based evaluation

with a denial focus priority during security force exercises.

Security forces will be evaluated in these areas:

- ✓ Detection, delay, assessments and communications
- ✓ Entry control procedures,
- ✓ Security personnel performance,
- ✓ Plans, instructions and procedures,
- ✓ Motor vehicle convoy operations and logistics movements, and
- ✓ Response denial — recapture and recovery operations.

Security forces members also work with the 509th Communications Squadron to ensure the sensor systems are up and running in the appropriate storage and operations areas.

NSI inspectors focus on security as a key component for a safe and secure environment for nuclear operations.

Security forces routinely exercise their procedures and tactics to ensure their base and area defense war-fighting members skills are trained to the highest state of readiness.

Hey You!!!

Do you want to
submit info to
THE Whiteman Spirit?

The deadline for article submissions to the Whiteman Spirit is noon Friday one week before desired publication. If a holiday falls on Friday, the deadline becomes noon Thursday. Articles will be published on a space-available basis. Submission doesn't guarantee publication.

Family album



Jasmine Janai Cornish, daughter of Senior Airman Richard Cornish and Staff Sgt. Xia Thao, was born May 5, and weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces.



Jasmine Diane Bolton, daughter of Senior Airman Noah and Kristen Bolton, was born May 19, and weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce.



Emma Grace Dempsey, daughter of Staff Sgt. Kevin and Robin Dempsey, was born May 5, and weighed 9 pounds and 4 ounces.



Alexis Jocelyn Sandefur, daughter of Senior Airman Christopher and Brandy Sandefur, was born May 24, and weighed 10 pounds and 2 ounces.

Photos unavailable

Chase Evan Goodwin, son of Staff Sgt. Jason and Stacy Goodwin, was born May 5, and weighed 9 pounds and 13 ounces.

About the family album

The family album runs the last Friday of every month. Parents interested in placing a newborn's photo in the Whiteman Spirit can either submit a non-copyrighted photo or have a photo taken 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays in Bldg. 509, Suite 111. For more details, e-mail whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil or call 687-6133.

Don't miss out on Tricare benefits

Parents of newborns or adopted children must register them in the Defense Eligibility Reporting System no later than 60 days after the event to receive Tricare Prime benefits. To



do this, the sponsor must take a copy of the child's birth certificate or adoption papers to the military personnel flight customer service section. After enrolling in DEERS, parents can get a Tricare enrollment forms at the 509th Medical Group Tricare Service Center or at <http://www.triwest.com>. To get one by mail, call 888-TRIWEST (874-9378).

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The art of archery

Left: Michael Hall draws his compound bow and lines up a shot May 26 at the youth center. Hall, son of Tech. Sgt. William and Lisa Hall, 509th Communications Squadron, attended the four-day long archery camp that was available to Whiteman youth. Below: Tom Korte, Kansas University Archery Instructor, assists one of the more than 35 youths that participated in the Air Force sponsored archery program. The Whiteman youth center offers many summer programs to youths in Kindergarten - grade 12. The youth center is offering a youth sports soccer camp Aug. 1-4 for children 5-8 and Aug. 8-11 for youths 9-14. For more information about these or other programs offered by the youth center this summer, call the youth center staff at 687-5586.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Get ready runners

Air Force marathon set for Sept. 17

By Steve VanWert

Air Force Services Agency Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — Air Force Services officials will hold the ninth annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, on Sept. 17. The marathon will also include a half-marathon, wheelchair race, a four-person relay and a 5k race.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 2. The race is open to the public.

The course is a certified 26.2-mile run that starts and ends at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and traverses historical places on Wright-Patterson, including the Air Force Institute of Technology, Air Force Materiel Command headquarters, the Wright-Patterson flightline and the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.

Bill Rogers, a four-time winner of the Boston and New York City marathons and a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic marathon team, along with Alberto Salazar, who set six U.S. records, a world record and won three consecutive New York marathons, will speak at a dinner at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force on Sept. 16 and participate in the races.

Registration fees are: marathon (individual), \$45; wheelchair, \$45; relay team, \$160 per team; half marathon, \$30 and the 5k, \$15. Tickets for the dinner can be paid for on the registration entry form and are \$12 per adult, \$6 per child ages 6 to 12, and free for children age 5 or younger.

Permissive temporary duty is authorized for this event.

The Air Force Marathon has been flying high for eight years, and Air Force Services Agency officials recently approved it as an official Air Force event. The marathon

began in 1997 as Wright Patterson's tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Air Force. A record 3,500 people participated last year, while about 7,000 others volunteered or were spectators.

"Becoming the official Air Force Marathon brings credibility to it," said M. Scott Nunnelly, of the Air Force Services Agency.

The Air Force Marathon is already a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon.

For more information, people can visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or call (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

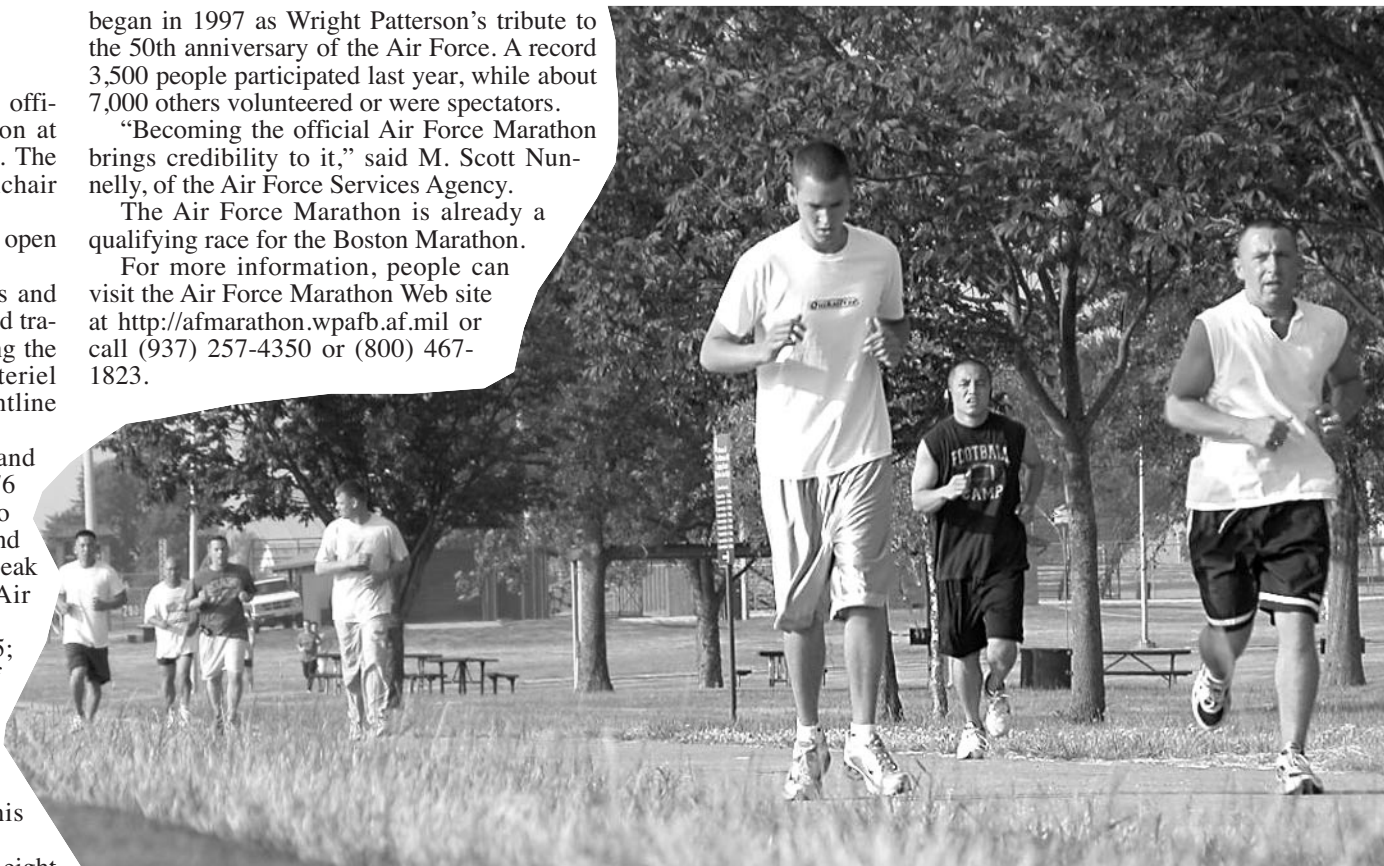


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Members of the 509th Communications Squadron participate in a squadron 5K Thursday.

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Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation

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Outdoor education for women

Outdoor recreation offers seminars especially for women who would like to learn more about camping, fishing, canoeing and archery. The seminars are held by Neil Bass starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at Ike Skelton Park. Lunch will be provided. Call outdoor recreation today to sign up.

Picnic in the park

Join outdoor recreation for a picnic at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Ike Skelton Park. Participants should bring their own lunch and some goodies to share. Outdoor recreation will provide games equipment and paddleboats. Sign up by Monday.

Airmen rafting adventure

Airmen are invited to take part in a 3-day rafting trip at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., leaving at 7 a.m. June 24 from outdoor recreation. The trip costs \$165 per person which includes camping equipment, rafting trip, transportation and dinner on Saturday night. Participants will need extra money for other meals, snacks and gift shops. Call outdoor recreation today to sign up.

Fitness Center

687-5496

Resale items

Gym goers no longer have to worry about a forgotten towel or sock as the fitness center is now selling a number of essential items. This includes towels-\$2, headphones-\$3.50, combination locks-\$5 and socks-\$2.75

Women’s locker room closure

The women’s locker room will be closed for renovation Monday. Items should be removed from lockers prior to the renovation. Access to the pool’s daily use lockers and showers will be available. We apologize for any inconvenience this will cause while we upgrade your facility. For more details, contact the fitness center staff.

Whiteman Triathlon

Keep training for the June 18 Whiteman Triathlon. The triathlon includes swimming 520 meters, a 10K bike ride and a 5K run. There are male and female individual open divisions and team divisions. Teams can be co-ed and must have a swimmer, runner and cyclist. Sign up by June 15.

Tickets and Travel

687-5643

Armed Forces vacation club

Eligible Department of Defense members have space-available access to more than 3,500 resorts in more than 80 countries. Condos are available from \$264 a week. Visit <http://www.afvclub.com> for availability and call 800-724-9988 for reservations (state installation No. 255). Call tickets and travel for terms and conditions.

Food & Fun

Stars and Strikes

687-5114

Bowl for the Stars and Strikes

Earn prizes all summer with the Stars and Strikes. Request a punch card and fill it up with each purchase of a game or large drink. There are monthly drawings and a star prize of \$500. Ask the bowling staff for more details.

Mission’s End

687-4422

ACC \$1 dinner

Club members can eat dinner for \$1 5-7 p.m. June 17. The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, salads and dessert.

Movie Schedule

Friday at 7 p.m.

A Lot Like Love PG-13

Starring-Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75

Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability.

Community Activities

Skills Development Center

687-5691

Children’s summer art program

The skills development center is offering the perfect summer activity for children ages 7-11. Art classes will be held 9-11 a.m. Thursdays for the next six weeks. Children can attend all six sessions for \$50 or individual sessions for \$10 each. The program will cover drawing, painting and sculpture. Call skills development to sign up.

Pottery class

The skills development center is offering a number of three-session pottery classes. The first class runs 1-3 p.m. today, June 10 and 17. The cost is \$30 which does not include supplies. Call skills development for further information.

Custom framing class

Bring a 5-by-7 or smaller picture to the skills development center and learn how to cut single and double mats, assemble, cut glass and join a frame. The class is 9 a.m.-noon. Wednesday. The cost is \$25 per person or \$37.50 for a married couple. Call skills development to sign up.

Teen Center

687-5819

Open recreation

Fourth through seventh grades can take part in a variety of afternoon activities at the teen center. The sessions run from 3-5 p.m. June 15-17and 27-30. A full calender of events is available in the teen center. Participants must have a completed form 88 on file to take part.

Keystone meeting

The Keystone club is starting a new year. Teens can join in and help plan and promote events and programs. The first meeting is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the teen center.

Youth Center

687-5586

Summer part-day camp

Grades fourth-seventh can take part in the youth center summer camps. There will be three camps, youths can sign up for as many as they like. The camps run from 11:15 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 20-23 and June 27-30. Starting each day at the teen center, youths will participate in activities such as bowling, swimming, field trips and art. The cost is \$30 per camp for members and \$35 for nonmembers, which includes lunch and activities. Payment is due at time of registration at the youth center.

Wildlife rescue program

The Wildlife Rescue Team is running an educational program for kindergarten through 12th graders 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the youth center. Participants will learn about the importance of wildlife in our society and the responsibilities of returning animals to their natural habi-

Food & Fun

Country night

Impress with your line dancing skills at the next country night at Mission’s End. There will be a country and western DJ from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. June 17.

Movie Schedule

Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

The Amityville Horror R

Starring-Jimmy Bennett and Ryan Reynolds

For current and future movie listings log on to www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm.

Community Activities

Paintball mania

There will be an airmen’s paintball trip to Warrensburg leaving at noon Saturday from the community center. Package deals are available at the facility and offer 100 or 500 rounds of ammo. Cost of transportation is \$3. Sign up today, places limited to 15. Must be 18 or older to attend.

Stroller strut

Parents and stroller aged children can get together for a leisurely activity designed to introduce young children to the shape, feel and smells of nature. There will also be some useful summer safety advice. Meet at 12:15 p.m. Thursday at the shelter behind the privately owned vehicle lot at 10th and Vandenburg.

Water balloon wars

Mom’s can bring the children along for an afternoon of fun, games and drenching. Beginning at 2 p.m. June 11 on the community center lawn, there will be a variety of water balloon games. Prizes will be given including tickets to a water park.

Family Child Care

687-1180

Family child care orientation class

Receive training to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. June 13-17. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. Pick up a registration package from the family child care office by Wednesday.

Want a profitable home-based career?

Providers are needed to provide care for the following: evenings, weekends, swing shift workers, infants, special needs and mildly ill children. The Air Force is now offering a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet these critical needs. Providers who hold a standard license are subsidized \$125 a week per qualifying child. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted.

Veterinary Clinic

687-2667

Microchip clinic

Microchipping provides pets with a permanent form of identification via a unique code number that cannot be altered or lost. Unlike a tattoo which can fade or a identification tag which can fall off. The implantation procedure is simple and similar to administering a vaccine. A microchip can save a pet’s life and owners can rest assured that they have done all they can to properly identify their pet. The vet clinic is offering a microchip clinic Friday June 17th from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$13.50 per pet. Call or stop by to schedule an appointment.